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SUBJECT: DUTCH ATTITUDE TOWARD AID FOR PORTUGAL

1. MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFARIS DIRECTOR GENERAL FOR INTER-NATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS VAN GORKOM TOLD DCM AND ECON COUNSELOR DEC 10 AT DCM'S DINNER PARTY THAT, DESPITE STRONG DESIRE OF HIS MINISTRY TO PROVIDE GRANT ASSISTANCE TO GOVERNMENT OF PORTUGAL, THERE ARE NO GON FUNDS AVAILABLE. HE ADDED THAT BUDGETED AID FUNDS ARE SPECIFICALLY EARMARKED FOR LESS DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND MINISTER OF DEVELOPMENT AID PRONK REFUSES TO LET "HIS" FUNDS GO TO COUNTRIES LIKE PORTUGAL. VAN GORKOM AND STATE SECRETARY FOR FINANCE VAN ROOIJEN, WHO ALSO TOOK PART IN CONVERSATION, BOTH AGREED THAT A POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AID FUND OUGHT TO BE AVAILABLE TO HELP COUNTRIES LIKE PORTUGAL ECONOMICALLY AND PSYCOLOGICALLY ONCE SUCH COUNTRIES SHIFTED TOWARD A DEMOCRATIC FORM OF TYPE SO LONG ESPOUSED BY DUTCH GOVERNMENTS.

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2. COMMENT: WHETHER GON WILL DECIDE TO PROVIDE
POLITICALLY MOTIVATED AID FOR PORTUGAL REMAINS TO BE
SEEN BUT WE ARE WITNESSING SUBSTANTIAL INTEREST AT
HIGHER WORKING LEVELS OF GON TO DO SOMETHING MORE
POSITIVE TO DEMONSTRATE SUPPORT FOR PRESENT PORTUGUESE
GOVERNMENT. GOULD UNQUOTE KISSINGER

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